

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A process for the preparation of ~~an~~ a coated enzyme- containing granulate ~~suitable for use in an animal feed, the process comprising obtaining a dry enzyme-containing granulate comprising forming a dry enzyme containing granulate and coating the granulate with a polyolefin wherein said coated enzyme-containing granulate is suitable for use in an animal feed.~~

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A process according to claim 1, wherein the polyolefin is applied at 0.1 - 20% (weight polyolefin per weight of the granules), ~~preferably at 0.2 - 10%, more preferably at 0.4 - 5%.~~

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A process according to ~~claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1, wherein the polyolefin is polyethylene and/or polypropylene.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A process according to ~~any one of claims 1 - 3~~ claim 1, wherein the polyolefin has a melting traject ending at a temperature ranging from 100 to 200 °C (border values included), ~~preferably from 120 to 180 °C.~~

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A process according to ~~any one of claims 1 - 4~~ claim 1, wherein the polyolefin is applied to the granule as a dispersion of polyolefin particles in a suitable solvent.

Claim 6 (Original): A process according to claim 5, wherein the solvent is water.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A process according to claim 5 ~~or 6~~, wherein the polyolefin particles have a size ranging from 10 to 1000 nm (border values included); ~~preferably from 10 to 500 nm, more preferably from 10 to 200 nm.~~

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A process according to ~~any one of claims 5—7~~ claim 5, wherein the polyolefin dispersion contains 10 to 60 % (w/w) polyolefin, ~~preferably 20 to 40 % polyolefin.~~

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A process according to ~~any one of claims 5—8~~ claim 5, wherein the polyolefin dispersion is a dispersion of polyolefins containing acidic groups which are stabilized by an amine.

Claim 10 (Original): A process according to claim 9, wherein the acidic groups are carboxylic groups.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A process according to claim 9 ~~or 10~~, wherein the amine is ammonia.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A process according to ~~any one of claims 1—11~~ claim 1, wherein the enzyme is a phytase, xylanase, β -glucanase, protease, phospholipase, amylase and/or glucose oxidase.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): An enzyme-containing granulate coated with a polyolefin ~~obtainable by~~ comprising utilizing a process according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 12~~ claim 1.

Claim 14 (Original): A process for the preparation of an animal feed, or a premix or precursor to an animal feed, said process comprising mixing a granulate according to claim 13 with one or more animal feed substances or ingredients.

Claim 15 (Original): The process according to claim 14, wherein the mixture of feed substance(s) and granulate is treated with steam, pelletised and cooled.

Claim 16 (Original): A feed composition comprising a granulate according to claim 13.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A process for promoting the growth of an animal, the process comprising feeding an animal a diet that comprises ~~either~~ a granulate according to claim 13 ~~or a composition according to claim 16~~.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): ~~Use of a granulate according to claim 13 in an A~~ method of producing an animal feed or as a component in an animal diet comprising utilizing a granulate according to claim 13.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): ~~Use of a granulate according to claim 13 to improve the~~ A method of improving pelleting stability of the an enzyme comprising utilizing a granulate according to claim 13.

Claim 20 (New): A process according to claim 1 wherein the polyolefin is applied at 0.2-10% (weight polyolefin per weight of the granules).

Claim 21 (New): A process according to claim 1 wherein the polyolefin is applied at 0.4-5% (weight polyolefin per weight of the granules).

Claim 22 (New): A process according to claim 1, wherein the polyolefin has a melting trajectory ending at a temperature ranging from 120 to 180 °C (border values included).

Claim 23 (New): A process according to claim 5, wherein the polyolefin particles have a size ranging from 10 to 500 nm (border values included).

Claim 24 (New): A process according to claim 5, wherein the polyolefin particles have a size ranging from 10 to 200 nm (border values included).

Claim 25 (New): A process according to claim 5, wherein the polyolefin dispersion contains 20 to 40 % (w/w) polyolefin.

Claim 26 (New): A process for promoting the growth of an animal, the process comprising feeding an animal a diet that comprises a composition according to claim 16.